

Update on Trauma Data Rulemaking, January 17, 2007

Under the authority of A.R.S. § 36-2221, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) collects data on trauma patients and on the incidence, causes, severity, outcomes, and operation of the Arizona trauma system and its components. This data is known as the Trauma Registry. Under A.R.S. § 36-2221 and 9 A.A.C. 25, Article 13, each health care institution that meets the definition of trauma center in A.R.S. § 36-2201 or that meets the definition of trauma center in A.R.S. § 36-2225 is required to submit data to the Trauma Registry. Advanced life support base hospitals are also authorized to submit data to the Trauma Registry under A.R.S. § 36-2221.

ADHS is now in the process of creating rules in 9 A.A.C. 25, Article 14 to establish requirements for the data to be submitted to the Trauma Registry. The rulemaking will also establish standards for trauma system evaluation and quality review through the collection and analysis of data and standards for protection of confidential patient care and Trauma Registry information, as required under A.R.S. § 36-2225(A)(5) and (6).

At the State Trauma Advisory Board (STAB) meeting in November 2006, STAB recommended that ADHS create a Work Group to provide expert input on the development of these rules. ADHS formed a Work Group shortly thereafter and held the first Work Group meeting in January 2007. ADHS is currently in the process of scheduling additional Work Group meetings to continue reviewing the draft rules.

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